



## GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 24-013

9:30 a.m.

August 12, 2024

Council Chambers (Hybrid), City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

**Present:** Mayor A. Horwath  
Deputy Mayor T. Jackson (Chair)  
Councillors J. Beattie, C. Cassar, B. Clark, J.P. Danko, M. Francis  
(Virtually), T. Hwang (Virtually), C. Kroetsch, N. Nann, E. Pauls,  
M. Spadafora (Virtually), M. Tadeson, A. Wilson and M. Wilson

**Absent:** Councillor T. McMeekin – Personal

### THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-013 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

**1. Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Report 24-005 - July 9, 2024 (Item 9.1)**

That the Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Report 24-005 of July 9, 2024, be received.

**2. Open for Business Sub-Committee Reports: (Item 9.2)**

**(a) Open for Business Sub-Committee Report 24-001 - January 31, 2024 (Item 9.1(a))**

**(1) Supports for Small Business (PED24037) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

That Report PED24037, respecting Supports for Small Business, be received.

**(2) Citizen Facing Portal – Planning Services (PED24038) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

That Report PED24038, respecting Citizen Facing Portal – Planning Services, be received.

**(b) Open For Business Sub-Committee Report 24-003 - July 16, 2024 (Item 9.1(b))**

**(1) Update on Financial Assistance and Incentive Programs Supporting Community Revitalization and Investment (PED24121) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

That Report PED24121, respecting an Update on Financial Assistance and Incentive Programs Supporting Community Revitalization and Investment, be received.

**(2) 2024-2028 Tourism Strategy Status Update (PED24046) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

That Report PED24046, respecting 2024-2028 Tourism Strategy Status Update, be received.

**3. Downtown Entertainment District Annual Status Update 2024 (PED24089) (Ward 2) (Item 9.3)**

That Report PED24089, respecting the Downtown Entertainment District Annual Status Update 2024 be referred back to staff for further review and report back to the September 4, 2024 General Issues Committee.

**4. Analysis of Sanctioned Site Models (HSC24031) (City Wide) (Item 9.4)**

That Report HSC24031, respecting Analysis of Sanctioned Site Models, be received.

**5. Encampment Impacts on Hamilton Businesses Consultation Results (PED24143) (City Wide) (Item 9.5)**

That Report PED24143, respecting Encampment Impacts on Hamilton Businesses Consultation Results, be received.

**6. Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Report 24-005 - July 16, 2024 (Item 10.1)**

**(1) Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Scope of Work Documentation (Item 9.1)**

- (a)** That the Scope of Work documentation from Enterprise Canada, be approved.
- (b)** That the Scope of Work documentation from the Social Planning Research Council, be approved.

**7. Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 24-006 - July 9, 2024 (Item 10.2)**

**(1) Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Membership (Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, Skylar Dunford has not attended a meeting of the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities since their appointment;

WHEREAS, Skylar Dunford has not provided any explanation to their absences;

WHEREAS, the Procedural Handbook for Citizen Appointees to City of Hamilton Local Boards, states that when a member misses more than three (3) consecutive meetings during their term, the Chair, after hearing and considering any explanation provided by the member, may ask the member to resign, or request that Council remove the member; and

WHEREAS, this creates a vacancy on the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council be requested to remove Skylar Dunford from the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities' membership effective immediately, given their absences from meetings since their appointment; and
- (b) That the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees be requested to fill the citizen appointee vacancy on the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

**8. Municipal Capital Facilities By-Law 16-335 Amendment for CityHousing Hamilton Properties (HSC24021) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)**

- (a) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be delegated the authority to amend By-law 16-335 to add or remove of any CityHousing Hamilton (CHH) owned properties that meet the criteria for property tax exemptions set out in the Housing Facilities By-law 16-233;
- (b) That the By-law to amend By-law 16-335, CityHousing Hamilton Municipal Housing Project Facilities Tax Exemption By-law, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC24021, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be approved and enacted by Council;

- (c) That the City enter into amendment agreements to the Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement with CityHousing Hamilton, dated December 14, 2016 to add properties eligible for exemption from taxation for municipal and education purposes, commencing in 2025;
- (d) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities (the “GM”) be authorized to execute the amending agreements outlined in recommendation (c) with content and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (e) That CityHousing Hamilton be required to direct funds equal to the savings of the education portion of the 2025 property taxes of \$54,746 toward capital repairs and regeneration of its housing stock;
- (f) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be directed to reduce the annual subsidy provided by the City to CityHousing Hamilton, pursuant to operating agreements between the City of Hamilton and CityHousing Hamilton, by an amount equal to the municipal portion of the property tax exemptions applicable to the eligible properties of \$340,936 in 2025.

**9. Encampment Protocol Distance Proposals (HSC24027(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)**

That Report HSC24027(a), respecting Encampment Protocol Distance Proposals, be received.

**10. Temporary Art at Victoria Park (Ward 1) (Item 11.4)**

WHEREAS, Victoria Park is a well used park in the Strathcona neighbourhood of central Hamilton in Ward 1;

WHEREAS, Victoria Park is bounded by a mixture of residential housing types, a school, and the King Street commercial shopping street corridor to the south which brings many people to the area as pedestrians, active transportation users and in vehicles;

WHEREAS, a number of enhancements have recently been completed in and around Victoria Park including raised crosswalks leading to the park and renovations at the Victoria Park Fieldhouse to enhance all-season programming and support more users to the Park;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to the ongoing implementation of public art to enhance our sense of community and public spaces as supported by the City’s Art in Public Places policy and the Decorative Crosswalk Guideline; and;

WHEREAS, the exterior walls of the Victoria Park fieldhouse and the raised crosswalks round Victoria Park are suitable spaces for temporary art which, in these locations, have an expected lifespan of approximately 5 years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a mural be installed on the exterior walls of the fieldhouse at Victoria Park, 500 King Street West, Hamilton as supported by the City's Art in Public Places policy;
- (b) That artist designed decorative crosswalk elements be installed at raised crosswalks adjacent to Victoria Park as supported by the City's Decorative Crosswalk Guideline;
- (c) That installation of the mural at Victoria Park fieldhouse and the artist fees for the decorative crosswalks leading to Victoria Park be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309100 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$20,000 be approved; and
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**11. Christian Labour Association of Canada Local 911, Ratification of Collective Agreement (HUR24014) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)**

- (a) That the tentative agreement reached on June 27, 2024 between the City of Hamilton and the Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC) Local 911 representing approximately 235 volunteer firefighters be approved; and,
- (b) That Report HUR24014, respecting City of Hamilton and the Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC) Local 911 Ratification of Collective Agreement, remain confidential.

**12. Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(j)) (City Wide) (Item 14.4)**

That Report LS20023(j), respecting Encampment Litigation Update, be received and remain confidential.

**13. National Steel Car Litigation Update (LS23019(a)) (City Wide) (Item 14.5)**

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in Closed Session respecting Report LS23019(a), National Steel Car Litigation Update, be approved and remain confidential; and,
- (b) That Report LS23019(a) and Appendix "A" to Report LS23019(a), respecting National Steel Car Litigation Update, remain confidential.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 5.3 Correspondence from Joshua Weresch, respecting opposition to motions exempting certain parks from encampments

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Items 11.1 – 11.3.

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 6.1 Delegation Requests respecting the Encampment Protocol, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

- (d) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person) –  
MOVED TO ITEM 6.5(c) – as the delegate wishes to delegate  
on Report PED24143, Encampment Impacts on Hamilton  
Businesses Consultation Results

- 6.5 Delegation Requests respecting Report PED24143, Encampment Impacts on Hamilton Businesses Consultation Results, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

- (d) Emily Walsh, Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area  
(In-Person)  
(e) Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records (In-Person)  
(f) Jason Cassis, Equal Parts Hospitality (In-Person)

**11. MOTIONS**

- 11.1 Exclusion of Southam Park and Sam Lawrence Park Within the Encampment Protocol – REVISED
- 11.2 Exclusion of Confederation Beach Park Within the Encampment Protocol – REVISED
- 11.3 Exclusion of Mountain Drive Park (MDP) Within the Encampment Protocol – REVISED

**13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

**13.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List:**

**13.1(a) Items Requiring a New Due Date:**

City of Hamilton Public Engagement Policy (CM21101(b))  
(City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)  
Added: January 17, 2024 (Item 8.1- Recommendation (b))  
Current Due Date: Q1 2024  
Proposed New Due Date: Q2 2025

City of Hamilton Public Engagement Policy (CM21101(b))  
(City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)  
Added: January 17, 2024 (Item 8.1- Recommendation (c))  
Current Due Date: Q1 2024  
Proposed New Due Date: Q2 2025

**13.1(b) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:**

Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap (HSIR)  
(HSC23028 / FCS23055 / PED23099) (City Wide)  
Added: April 19, 2023 at GIC (Item 8.1)  
Completed: November 15, 2023 at GIC (Item 8.2)

The agenda for the August 12, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, was approved, as amended.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 4)**

**(i) July 8, 2024 (Item 4.1)**

The minutes of the July 8, 2024 General Issues Committee, were approved, as presented.

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

Communication Items 5.1 to 5.3, were approved, as presented, as follows:

**(i) Correspondence from Rob Maschewski, respecting downtown tents / garbage and people panhandling at intersections (Item 5.1)**

Recommendation: Be received.

**(ii) Jodi Campovari, respecting encampments (Item 5.2)**

Recommendation: Be received.

**(iii) Correspondence from Joshua Weresch, respecting opposition to motions exempting certain parks from encampments (Added Item 5.3)**

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Items 11.1 - 11.3.

**(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

**(i) The following Delegation Requests, were approved:**

**(1) Delegation Requests respecting the Encampment Protocol, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:**

- (a) Jeffrey McCabe, All Hands on Deck (In-Person) (Item 6.1(a))
- (b) Cindy Csordas (In-Person) (Item 6.1(b))
- (c) Jenna Ragona (In-Person) (Item 6.1(c))
- (d) P. Denninger, CEO of Denninger's and Troy Thompson, President of G.W Thompson Jeweller & Pawnbroker, respecting encampments (In-Person) (Item 6.1(e))
- (e) Patrick Antila (In-Person) (Item 6.1(f))

**(2) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (AHA!), respecting seeking Council Endorsement for AHA! events (Virtually) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.2)**

**(3) Delegation Requests respecting an Update on arena renovations and downtown regeneration, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:**

- (a) Louis Frapporti, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group (In-Person) (Item 6.3(a))
- (b) Tom Pistore, Oak View Group (In-Person) (Item 6.3(b))

**(4) Robert Zeidler, Cotton Factory, respecting PIVOT TECH '24 (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.4)**

**(5) Delegation Requests respecting Report PED24143, Encampment Impacts on Hamilton Businesses Consultation Results, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:**

- (a) Michelle Blanchard, Markland Property Management Inc. (In-Person) (Item 6.5(a))
- (b) Adrian Mekli (In-Person) (Item 6.5(b))



- (c) Gregg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5(c))
- (d) Emily Walsh, Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5(d))
- (e) Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5(e))
- (f) Jason Cassis, Equal Parts Hospitality (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5(f))

**(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Delegations respecting the Encampment Protocol (Item 7.1)**

- (1) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting the Encampment Protocol:
  - (a) Jeffrey McCabe, All Hands on Deck (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(a))
  - (b) Cindy Csordas (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(b))
  - (c) Jenna Ragona (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(c))
  - (d) P. Denninger, CEO of Denninger's and Troy Thompson, President of G.W Thompson Jeweller & Pawnbroker, respecting encampments (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(d))
  - (e) Patrick Antila (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(e))
- (2) The following delegations respecting the Encampment Protocol, were received:
  - (a) Jeffrey McCabe, All Hands on Deck (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(a))
  - (b) Cindy Csordas (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(b))
  - (c) Jenna Ragona (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(c))
  - (d) P. Denninger, CEO of Denninger's and Troy Thompson, President of G.W Thompson Jeweller & Pawnbroker, respecting encampments (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(d))
  - (e) Patrick Antila (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(e))

**(ii) Delegations respecting an update on arena renovations and downtown regeneration (Item 7.2)**

- (1) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting an update on arena renovations and downtown regeneration:
  - (a) Louis Frapporti, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group (In-Person) (Added Item 7.2(a))
  - (b) Tom Pistore, Oak View Group (In-Person) (Added Item 7.2(b))

- (2) The following delegations respecting an update on arena renovations and downtown regeneration, were received:

  - (a) Louis Frapporti, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group (In-Person) (Added Item 7.2(a))
  - (b) Tom Pistore, Oak View Group (In-Person) (Added Item 7.2(b))
- (iii) Delegations respecting Report PED24143, Encampment Impacts on Hamilton Businesses Consultation Results (Item 7.3)**

  - (1) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Report PED24143, Encampment Impacts on Hamilton Businesses Consultation Results:

    - (a) Michelle Blanchard, Markland Property Management Inc. (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(a))
    - (b) Gregg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(c))
    - (c) Emily Walsh, Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(d))
    - (d) Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(e))
    - (e) Jason Cassis, Equal Parts Hospitality (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(f))
  - (2) The following delegate was not present when called upon:

    - (a) Adrian Mekli (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(b))
  - (3) The following delegations respecting Report PED24143, Encampment Impacts on Hamilton Businesses Consultation Results, were received:

    - (a) Michelle Blanchard, Markland Property Management Inc. (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(a))
    - (b) Gregg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(c))
    - (c) Emily Walsh, Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(d))
    - (d) Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(e))
    - (e) Jason Cassis, Equal Parts Hospitality (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(f))

**(g) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)**

**(i) Downtown Entertainment District Annual Status Update 2024 (PED24089) (Ward 2) (Item 9.3)**

- (1)** Consideration of Report PED24089, Downtown Entertainment District Annual Status Update 2024, was DEFERRED until after Closed Session.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

**(ii) Recess**

The General Issues Committee recessed for 38 minutes until 1:15 p.m.

The General Issues Committee Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

**(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

**(i) Encampment Protocol Distance Proposals (HSC24027(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)**

- (1)** Consideration of Report HSC24027(a), Encampment Protocol Distance Proposals, was DEFERRED until after Closed Session.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

**(i) MOTIONS (Item 11)**

Councillor Danko WITHDREW the following motion:

**(i) Exclusion of Southam Park and Sam Lawrence Park Within the Encampment Protocol - REVISED (Ward 8) (Item 11.1)**

WHEREAS, the majority of Council agrees that public parks are incompatible with homeless tent encampments;

WHEREAS, City staff have recommended that encampments should not be permitted in public parks that are undergoing further park development options;

WHEREAS, the majority of Hamilton City Council has approved the exemption of Strachan Linear Park from the Encampment Protocol on the basis of ongoing park development options;

WHEREAS, Ward 8 residents are suffering with the ongoing impacts of homeless tent encampments in both Southam Park and Sam Lawrence Park, including: threats of violence, disruptive and aggressive behavior, theft, destruction of property, open drug use, urination and defecation, desecration of a war memorial, trash and garbage;

WHEREAS, both Southam Park and Sam Lawrence Park are City-wide parks that have recently completed Park Master Plans and are currently undergoing park development initiatives to further activate these spaces for City-wide community use.

WHEREAS, City staff have indicated that it is not desirable to disrupt a homeless tent encampment to enable development options of a public space;

WHEREAS, implementation of the Southam Park Master Plan is scheduled for 2024/25, and implementation of the of Sam Lawrence Park Master Plan is currently underway now, and this work will disrupt ongoing homeless tent encampments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to amend the Encampment Protocol to mitigate impacts on those living in and around encampments as outlined in Appendix “A”, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023, to include an exclusion from allowing encampments, temporary shelters, or tents in Southam Park and Sam Lawrence Park until further park development initiatives are completed, as follows:

**D) Prohibited Areas for Erecting Encampments, Temporary Shelters, or Tents**

In order to provide for the availability of space for temporary shelter in parks, persons without shelter or being homeless will be able to establish an encampment through erecting a temporary shelter for themselves and also be able group together with other such persons’ temporary shelters. However, the encampment or cluster of shelters must not exceed five tents or similar temporary shelters, and there must be at least 50 meters separating the encampment or cluster from other encampments or clusters of shelters. Further, the balancing of public and private interests while allowing for temporary shelter will require encampments or clusters not be located:

***21. On Southam Park and Sam Lawrence Park until further park development options can be explored.***

Councillor Francis WITHDREW the following motion:

**(ii) Exclusion of Confederation Beach Park Within the Encampment Protocol – REVISED (Ward 5) (Item 11.2)**

WHEREAS, City staff have recommended that encampments should not be permitted in public parks that are undergoing further park development options;

WHEREAS, the majority of Hamilton City Council has approved the exemption of Strachan Linear Park from the Encampment Protocol on the basis of ongoing park development options;

WHEREAS, over nine-million dollars in capital is earmarked for future budgets beginning in 2025 for Confederation Beach Park;

WHEREAS, council has directed staff to find a public private partnership for the continuation of Wild Water Works, and is currently looking to draw interest in potential private partners;

WHEREAS, Confederation Beach Park is a major tourist attraction in the City of Hamilton which hosts large scale events on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Hamilton to showcase Confederation Beach Park to attract business and development;

WHEREAS, Confederation Beach Park has a Park Master Plan and is currently undergoing park development initiatives to further activate this space for City-wide community use.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to amend the Encampment Protocol to mitigate impacts on those living in and around encampments as outlined in Appendix “A”, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023, to include an exclusion from allowing encampments, temporary shelters, or tents in Confederation Beach Park until further park development initiatives are completed, as follows:

**D) Prohibited Areas for Erecting Encampments, Temporary Shelters, or Tents**

In order to provide for the availability of space for temporary shelter in parks, persons without shelter or being homeless will be able to establish an encampment through erecting a temporary shelter for themselves and also be able group together with other such persons' temporary shelters. However, the encampment or cluster of shelters must not exceed five tents or similar temporary shelters, and there must be at least 50 meters separating the encampment or cluster from other encampments or clusters of shelters. Further, the balancing of public and private interests while allowing for temporary shelter will require encampments or clusters not be located:

22. ***Confederation Beach Park until further park development initiatives are completed.***

Councillor Jackson WITHDREW the following motion:

**(iii) Exclusion of Mountain Drive Park (MDP) Within the Encampment Protocol – REVISED (Ward 6) (Item 11.3)**

WHEREAS, City staff have recommended that encampments should not be permitted in public parks that are undergoing further park development options;

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, City Council approved the exemption for Strachan Linear Park from the Encampment Protocol;

WHEREAS, Ward 6 housed residents are suffering with the ongoing impacts of homeless tent encampments at Mountain Drive Park (MDP) including: threats of violence, disruptive and aggressive behavior, theft, destruction of property, open drug use, urination and defecation, trash and garbage;

WHEREAS, Mountain Drive Park (MDP) is a neighbourhood and community-wide park that completed a parks master plan redevelopment review study during the pandemic involving a 40 member volunteer MDP Redevelopment Task Force of residents from Wards 6 and 7 with approved Council funding resulting in a 2 phase construction plan that began in 2023 and will continue through 2025, with the potential to disrupt ongoing homeless tent encampments;

WHEREAS, City staff have indicated that it is not desirable to disrupt a homeless tent encampment to enable development options of a public space;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to amend the Encampment Protocol to mitigate impacts on those living in and around encampments as outlined in Appendix “A”, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023, to include an exclusion from allowing encampments, temporary shelters, or tents in Mountain Drive Park (MDP) until further park development initiatives are completed, as follows:

**D) Prohibited Areas for Erecting Encampments, Temporary Shelters, or Tents**

In order to provide for the availability of space for temporary shelter in parks, persons without shelter or being homeless will be able to establish an encampment through erecting a temporary shelter for themselves and also be able group together with other such persons' temporary shelters. However, the encampment or cluster of shelters must not exceed five tents or similar temporary shelters, and there must be at least 50 meters separating the encampment or cluster from other

encampments or clusters of shelters. Further, the balancing of public and private interests while allowing for temporary shelter will require encampments or clusters not be located:

**23. *Mountain Drive Park (MDP) until further park development initiatives are completed.***

**(j) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Added Item 13.1):**

The Amendments to the Outstanding Business List, were approved, as follows:

**(a) Items Requiring a New Due Date (Added Item 13.1(a)):**

City of Hamilton Public Engagement Policy (CM21101(b)) (City Wide)  
(Outstanding Business List Item)  
Added: January 17, 2024 (Item 8.1- Recommendation (b))  
Current Due Date: Q1 2024  
Proposed New Due Date: Q2 2025

City of Hamilton Public Engagement Policy (CM21101(b)) (City Wide)  
(Outstanding Business List Item)  
Added: January 17, 2024 (Item 8.1- Recommendation (c))  
Current Due Date: Q1 2024  
Proposed New Due Date: Q2 2025

**(b) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed (Added Item 13.1(b)):**

Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap (HSIR) (HSC23028 / FCS23055 / PED23099) (City Wide)  
Added: April 19, 2023 at GIC (Item 8.1)  
Completed: November 15, 2023 at GIC (Item 8.2)

**(k) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)**

Committee determined that discussion of Item 14.1 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matter was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – July 8, 2024 (Item 14.1)**

The Closed Session minutes of the July 8, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, were approved and remain confidential.

- (ii) The Committee moved into Closed Session for Items 14.2, 14.4, 14.5, and 14.6 pursuant to Section 9.3, sub-sections (d), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2) sub-sections (d), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
- (iii) The Committee moved into Closed Session for Item 14.3, pursuant to Section 9.3, sub-sections (c), (j) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2) sub-sections (c), (j) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes; a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the City or a local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the City or a local board.
- (iv) **Christian Labour Association of Canada Local 911, Ratification of Collective Agreement (HUR24014) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)**  
  
For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.
- (v) **Confidential Appendix "A" to Item 9.3 - Downtown Entertainment District Annual Status Update 2024 (PED24089) (Ward 2) (Item 14.3)**  
  
For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.
- (vi) **Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(j)) (City Wide) (Item 14.4)**  
  
For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.
- (vii) **National Steel Car Litigation Update (LS23019(a)) (City Wide) (Item 14.5)**  
  
For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 13.
- (viii) **Legal Advice Respecting Item 10.4 Encampment Protocol Distance Proposals (HSC24027(a)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.6)**  
  
For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

The General Issues Committee meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:10 p.m.



**(I) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Mayor Tom Jackson  
Chair, General Issues Committee

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk